ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a case where a plurality of image data read by a scanner section are a plurality of successive still images of original images of the same format, when the plural image data are to be compressed, image correlation information extraction means extracts respective image correlation information of image data, using first image data of the plural image data as reference image data. Encoding means compresses the extracted image correlation information to produce image correlation information encoded data. Data output means outputs the compressed image correlation information encoded data and the reference image data to a page memory. When the compressed plural image data are to be restored, data input means supplies the image correlation information encoded data input from the page memory to image correlation information decoding means, and supplies the reference image data to image restoring means. The image correlation information decoding means decodes the image correlation information encoded data into the respective image correlation information and supplies the image correlation information to the image restoring means. The image restoring means restores the plural image data from the respective image correlation information and the reference image data.